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ERIC BROOKS IS THE HALF-HUMAN/HALF-VAMPIRE HYBRID KNOWN AS BLADE. HE POSSESSES VAMPIRIC STRENGTH, SENSES AND LONGEVITY BUT IS ABLE TO WITHSTAND DAYLIGHT. BLADE HAS DEDICATED HIS LONG LIFE TO BATTLING SUPERNATURAL EVILS, AND HE IS ABOUT TO FACE HIS GREATEST CHALLENGE YET...

BLADE

MOTHER OF EVIL PART FIVE

AFTER BLADE WAS TRICKED INTO UNLEASHING AN ANCIENT EVIL CALLED THE ADANA, HE SOUGHT THE ONLY WEAPON THAT MIGHT BE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HER: A SWORD KNOWN AS LIGHTBRINGER. BLADE AND HIS ALLIES—TULIP, AN EX-FLAME, ROTH, A YOUNG WARRIOR FROM A SECT DEDICATED TO DESTROYING THE ADANA, AND DOCTOR STRANGE—BOARDED THE PERSONAL TRAIN OF A SUPERNATURAL WEAPONS COLLECTOR TO STEAL IT. BUT THE COLLECTOR REVEALED THAT THE ADANA WANTED BLADE TO HAVE THE SWORD. DESPITE THIS CURVEBALL AND STRANGE'S WARNINGS ABOUT THE SWORD'S BLOODLUST, BLADE WIELDED IT AS HE, TULIP AND ROTH CONFRONTED THE ADANA AT A MYSTERIOUS DOOR...

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"OKAY, BLADE.
WHAT DO YOU
REMEMBER?"

"NOT
MUCH.

"IT'S ALL STILL
IN A FOG.

"EVERYTHING
HURTS.

"I DIDN'T
STOP HER,
DID I?"

SNAP

"SHE BROKE MY
WRIST AND GOT
LUCIFER'S SWORD.

"I WALKED US
INTO A TRAP.

"WHAT DID
SHE DO?"

"TELL ME,
STRANGE.

"WHAT DID
SHE DO?"







"I KNOW WHAT SHE WANTED TO DO. IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW."

"AND I KNOW HOW YOU LOSE PATIENCE WITH METAPHYSICS SO I WILL TRY TO BE DIRECT."

SAINT LOUIS.



"IT'S HAPPENING ALL OVER THE WORLD."

BEIJING.

"THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN HIDDEN INSIDE OF...PEOPLE. NOW THEY'RE SCREAMING TO BE FREE."



"IMAGINE IF PEOPLE ALL AROUND THE WORLD HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE TIED TO THE OCCULT. IMAGINE IF SOMETHING **WOKE UP** THE OCCULT POWER INSIDE OF THEM. LIKE A TIME BOMB."

"THAT'S WHAT SHE DID."

GEORGETOWN.



PARIS.

"SHE AWAKENED LATENT EVIL INSIDE OF THE WORLD. INSIDE OF US. LONG-SILENCED NIGHTMARES IN THE SOULS OF PEOPLE."

"CAN YOU FEEL IT?"



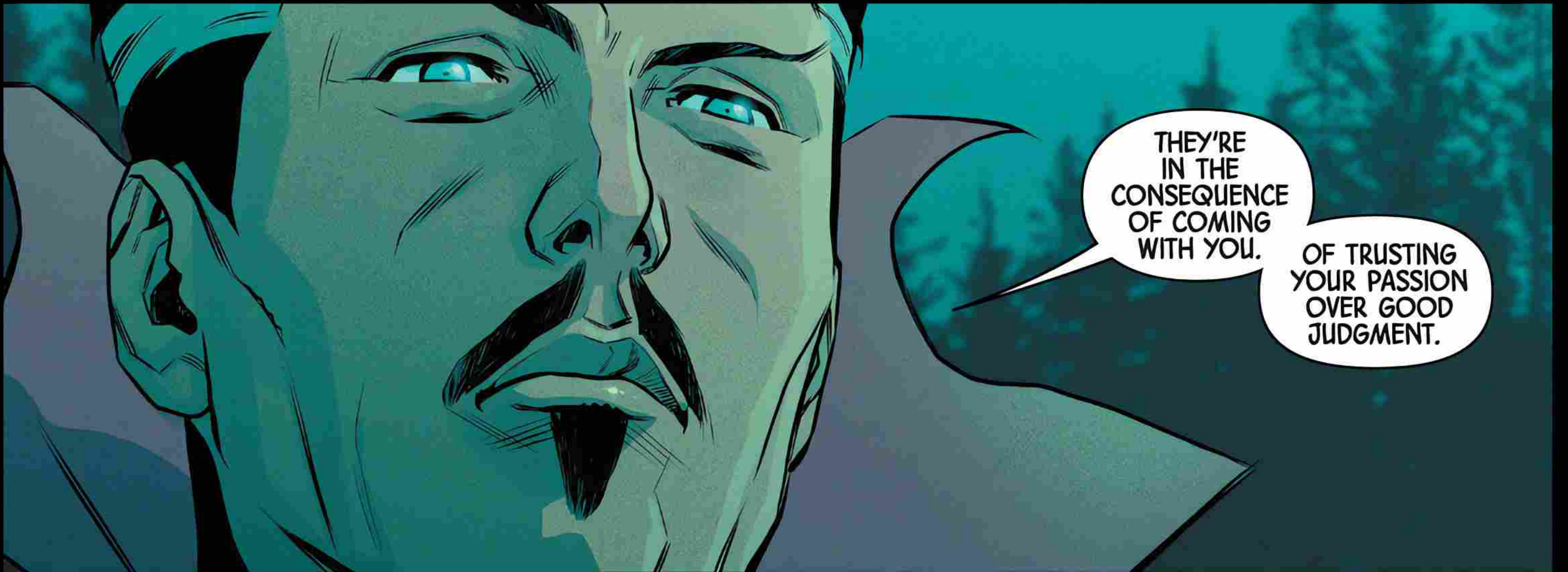
ALL I FEEL IS **ANGER.**

LUCKY YOU.

WHERE ARE MY FRIENDS?



WHERE ARE THEY?!

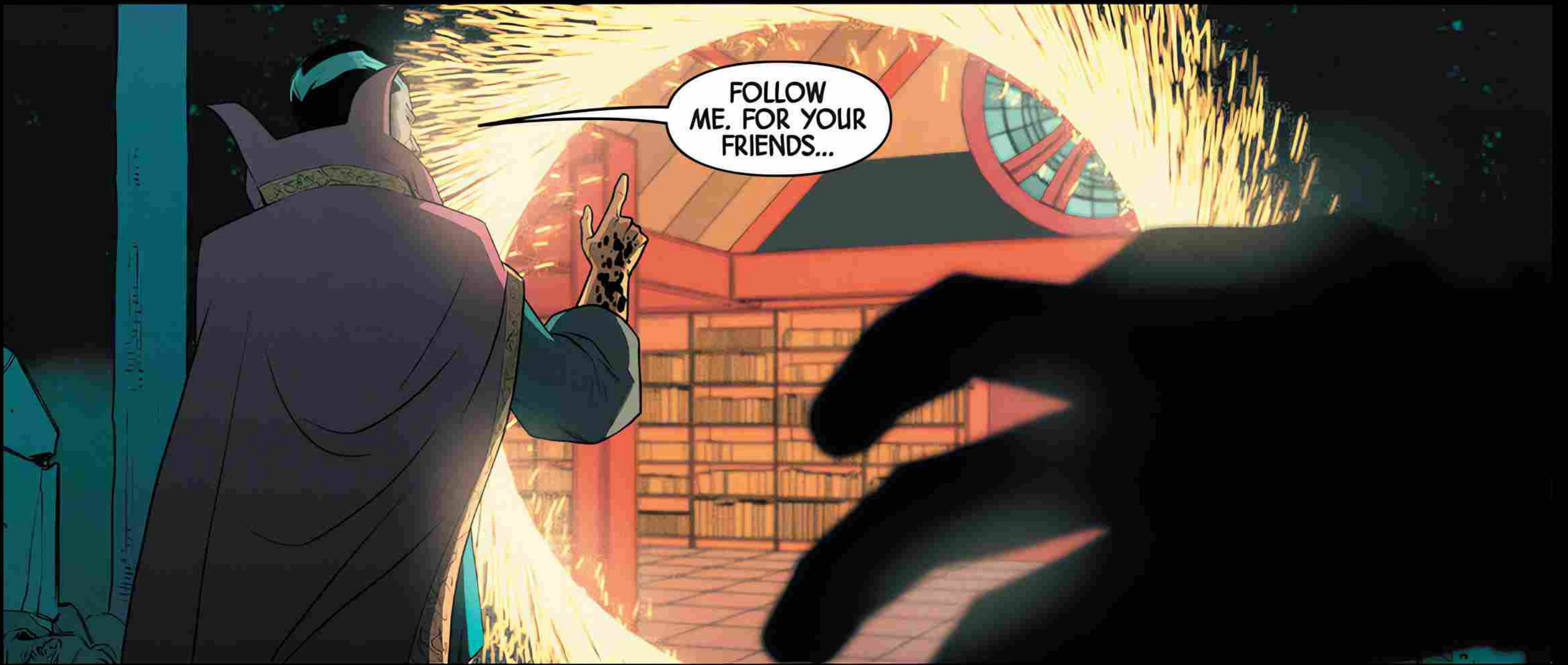


THEY'RE IN THE CONSEQUENCE OF COMING WITH YOU.

OF TRUSTING YOUR PASSION OVER GOOD JUDGMENT.



THEY ARE WHERE YOU HAVE PUT THEM.



FOLLOW ME. FOR YOUR FRIENDS...



...I'VE DONE AS MUCH AS I CAN.

ONE LAST QUESTION.

"WHERE IS SHE?"

MANY OF YOU HAVE COME. I AM PLEASED.

OUR GREAT HOUR IS UPON US.

AND YOU HAVE WAITED SO LONG.

DO YOU SEE?



WE SEE.

WE SEE.

WE SEE.

WE SEE.

WE SEE.

WE SEE.

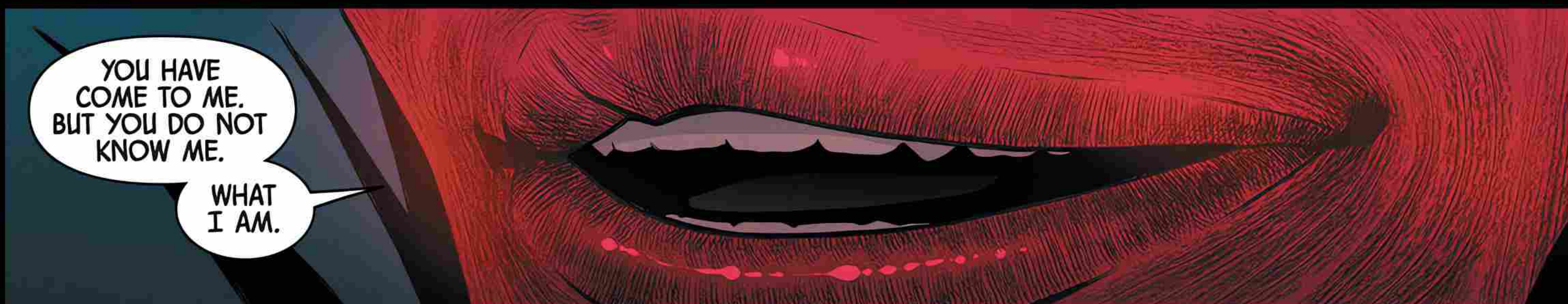
WE SEE.

WE SEE.

WE SEE.

YOU HAVE COME TO ME. BUT YOU DO NOT KNOW ME.

WHAT I AM.



I AM ADANA. THE GREAT MOTHER OF THE DARK.

I AM EVIL.

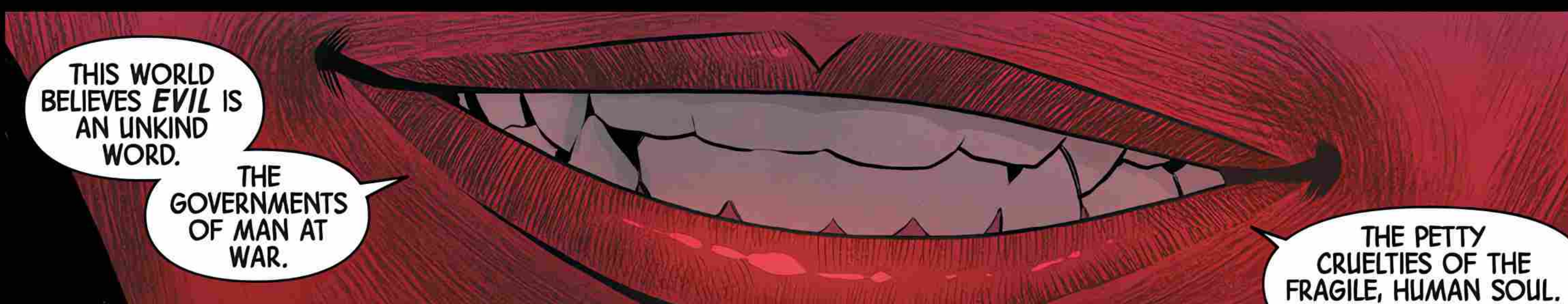
BUT THE WORD HAS LOST ITSELF IN THE WEAKNESS OF TIME.



THIS WORLD BELIEVES EVIL IS AN UNKIND WORD.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MAN AT WAR.

THE PETTY CRUELITIES OF THE FRAGILE, HUMAN SOUL.





EVIL IS SO MUCH MORE THAN WHAT THIS WORLD FEARS.

EVIL IS MORE THAN A MESSIAH'S DESPAIR ON ROMAN WOOD.



EVIL IS THE SOURCE OF ALL THINGS. IT IS THE **LIGHT** THAT IS THE **LIE**.

DO YOU SEE?



WE SEE.

WE SEE.



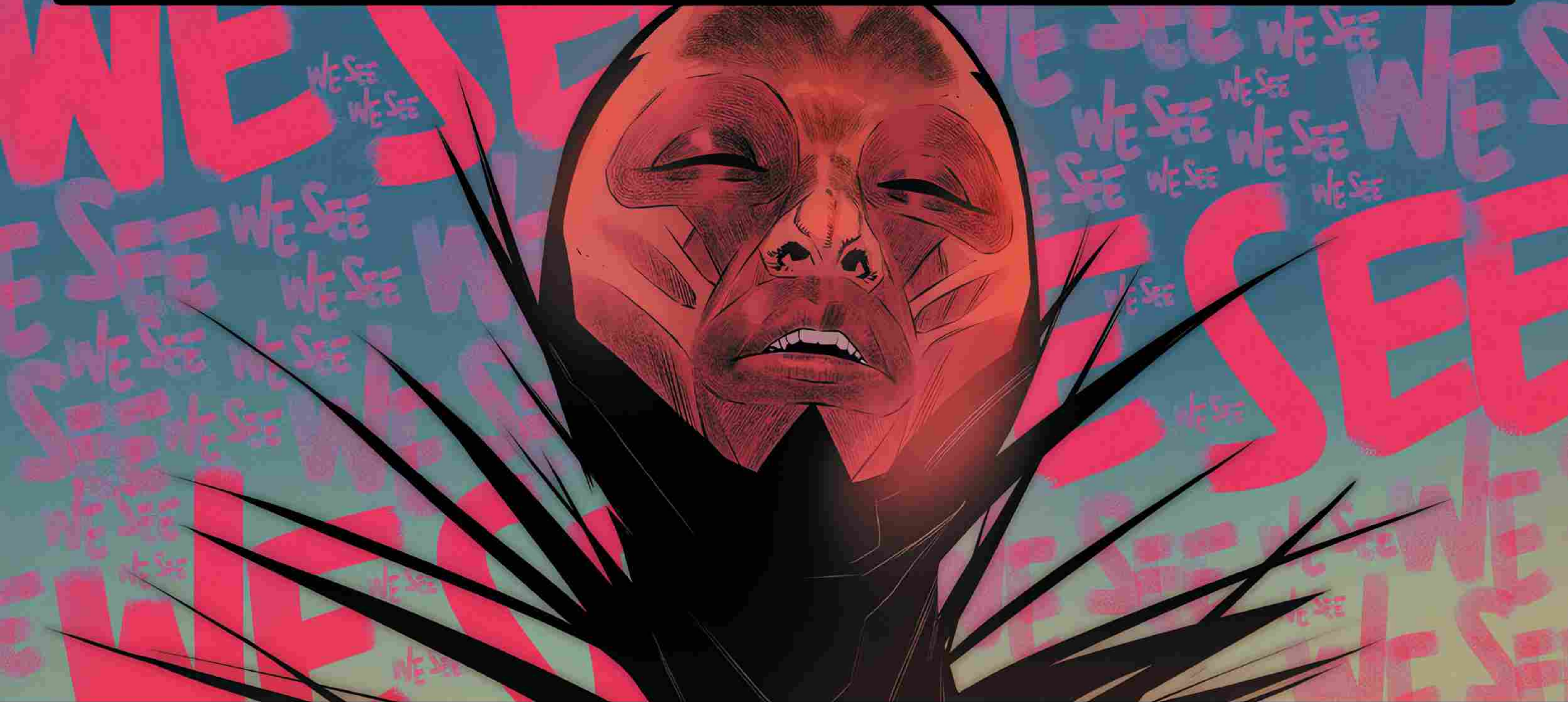
I HAVE AWAKENED SO MANY. THE GATE HAS OPENED.

BUT THIS AGE HAS YET TO BEGIN.

CREATION WAS NOT BORN GENTLY. IT WAS BORN IN FIRE AND HATRED AND THE COLLISION OF STARS.

AND I SAW IT. SOON THIS WORLD WILL SEE US. WE WILL NO LONGER HIDE. WE WILL **CLAIM**. WE WILL REND THE LIE OF CIVILIZATION.

DO YOU SEE?





YOUR FRIEND TULIP.

THE ADANA DID THIS TO HER.

DID WHAT?

PUT A DEMON INSIDE HER.

WHY?

LIKE I SAID, SHE WANTED TO PUNISH YOU.

**KILL
MEEEEEEEE!!!
PLEASE!!!**





CAN YOU
GET IT OUT
OF HER?

NO. IT IS
SOULBOUND. TULIP
IS IN HELL BECAUSE
THE ADANA PUT
HELL INSIDE OF
HER.



IT WOULD
BE MERCIFUL
TO END HER,
BLADE.

BUT YOU
WON'T DO THAT,
I ASSUME.



KILLLLL
MEEEEEEEEEEE!!!
MAKE IT STOP!!!

NO.



NEITHER
WILL I. SO
THIS IS ALL
I CAN
OFFER.



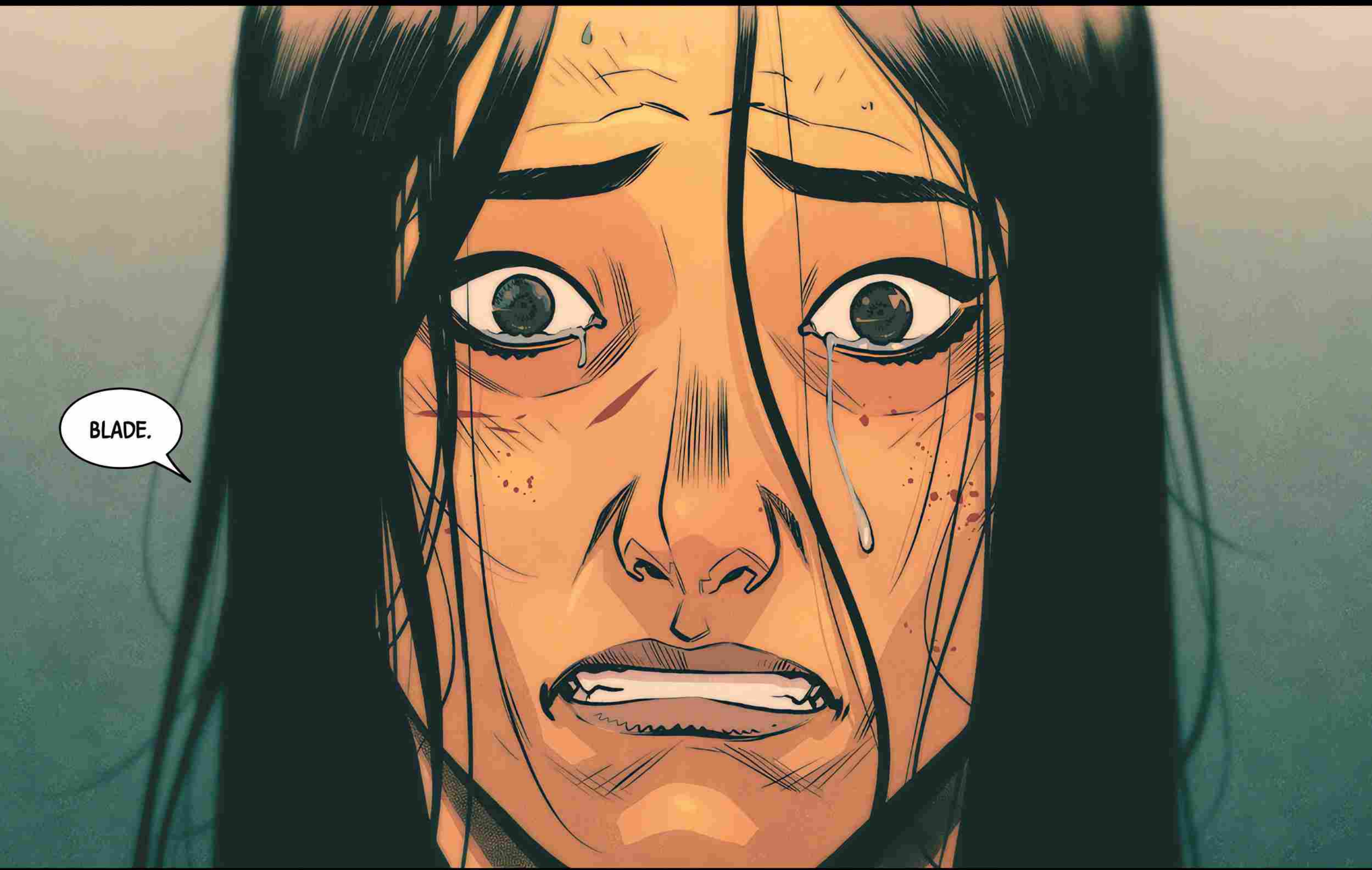
THE AMULET
OF EDEN. IT WILL
REDUCE HER PAIN.
BUT WHAT IS BOUND
TO HER WILL
REMAIN.

AAAAARGH!!



BLADE...

IT'LL
BE OKAY,
ROTHA.

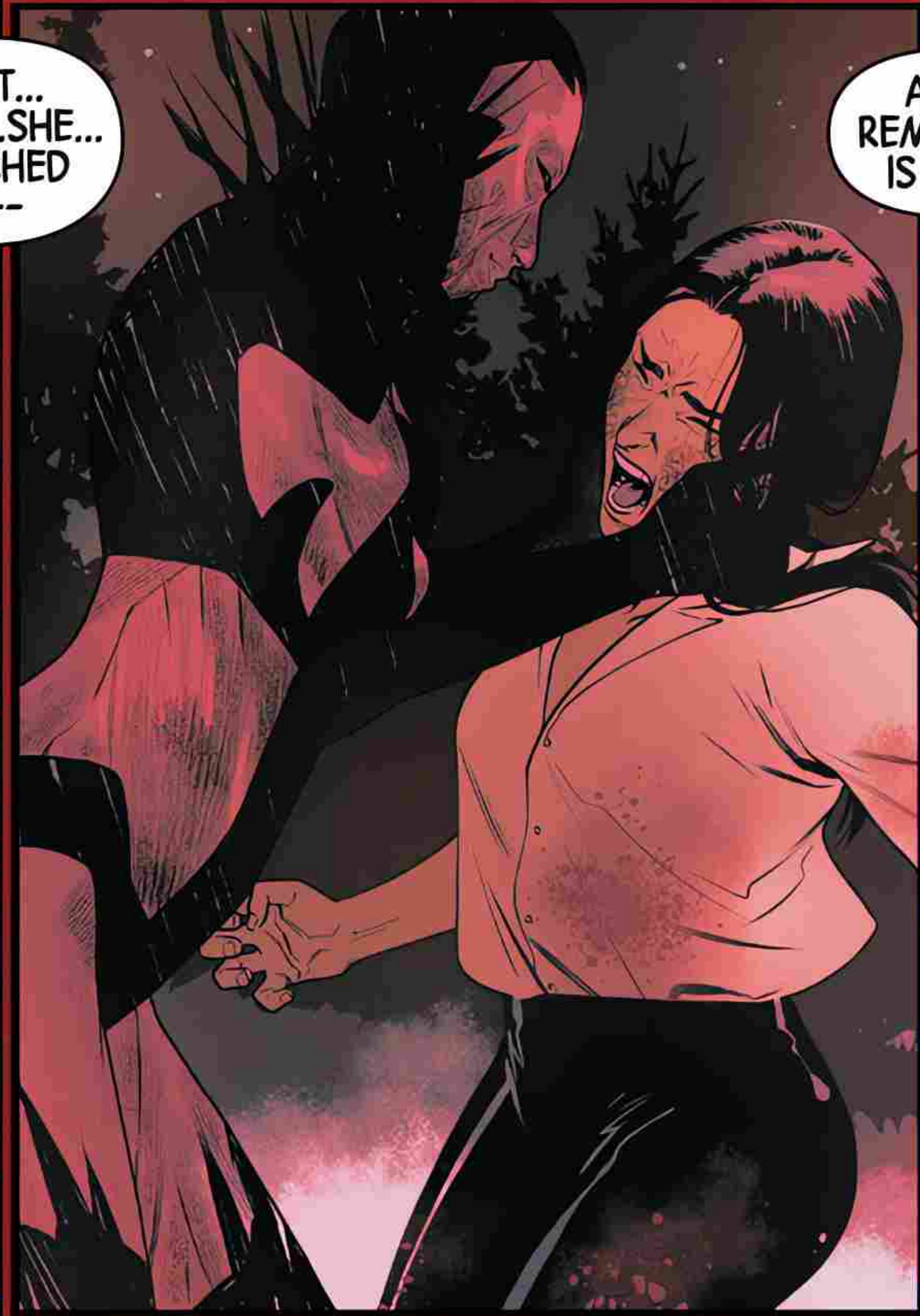


BLADE.



I'M
HERE.

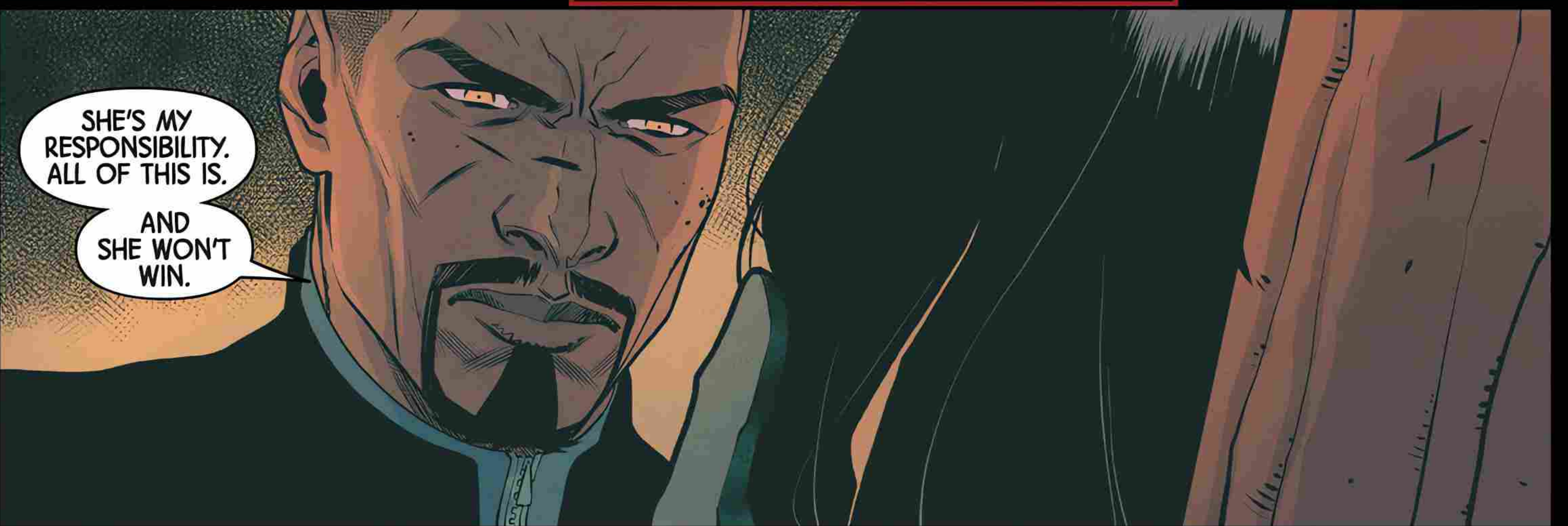
THAT...
THING...SHE...
TOUCHED
ME--



ALL I
REMEMBER
IS PAIN.



WHAT
IS SHE?



SHE'S MY
RESPONSIBILITY.
ALL OF THIS IS.

AND
SHE WON'T
WIN.



NO.

LATER.



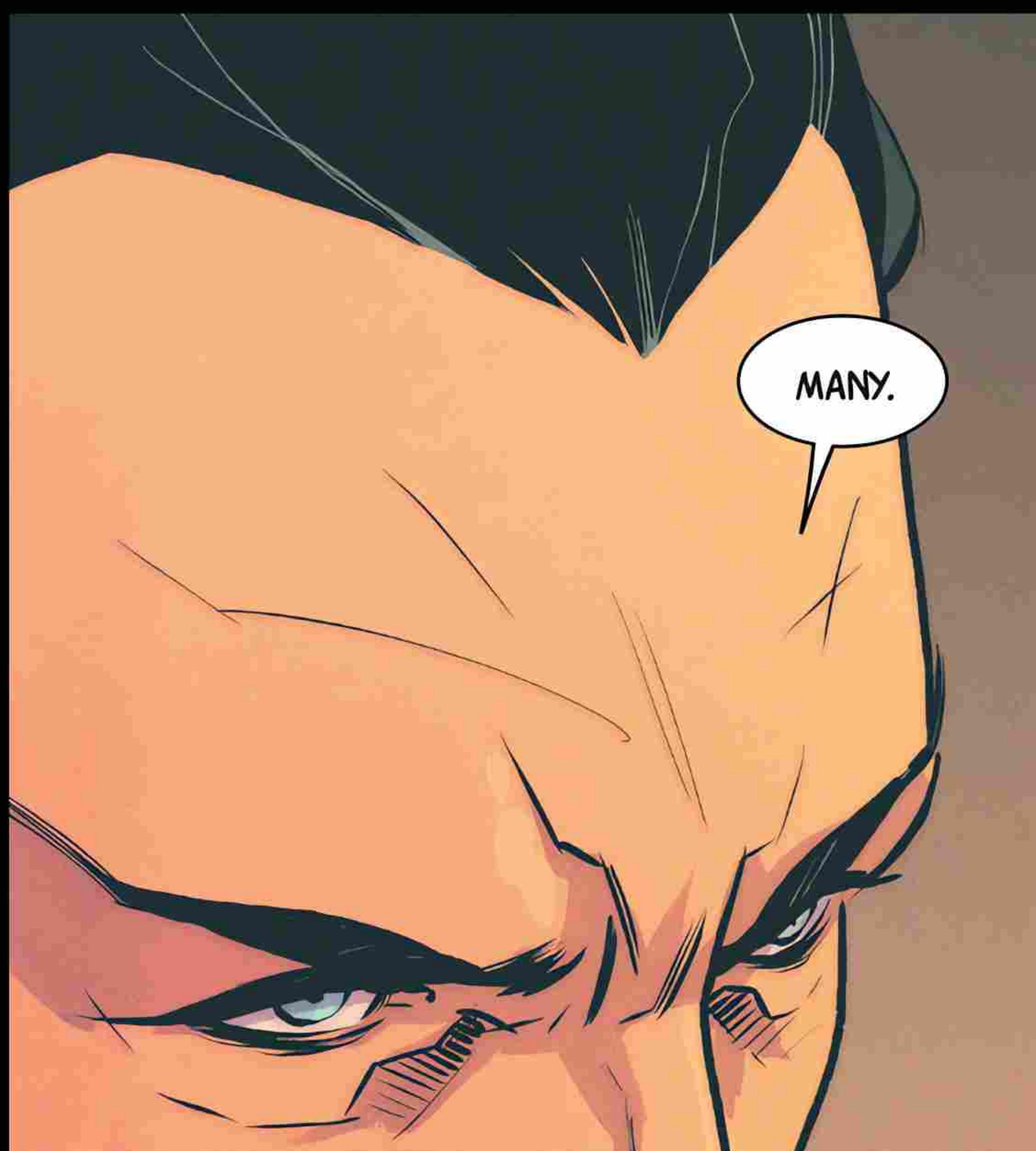
YOU CAN
PUT ME NEXT
TO HER.

YOU HAVE
NO WEAPONS THAT
CAN HARM HER. YOU
HAVE A CHILD WITH A
BOW. AND A WOMAN
WITH A DEMON
INSIDE OF HER.



SO WHAT?
WE JUST WAIT
TO SEE IF SHE
CHANGES HER
MIND?

HOW MANY
PEOPLE ARE
SUFFERING NOW
BECAUSE I
DIDN'T STOP HER
FROM OPENING
THAT GATE?



MANY.



THEN STOP
BEING A **COWARD**
AND PUT ME NEXT
TO HER.



NO.
WE NEED TO
STEP BACK BEFORE
WE MOVE
FORWARD--

OOPS.



I BET THAT VASE WAS EXPENSIVE AND IMPORTANT. HOPE I DON'T GET CLUMSY AGAIN.

PUT ME NEXT TO HER.



YOU'RE NOT HEARING ME. AND, YES, THAT WAS **VERY** EXPENSIVE.

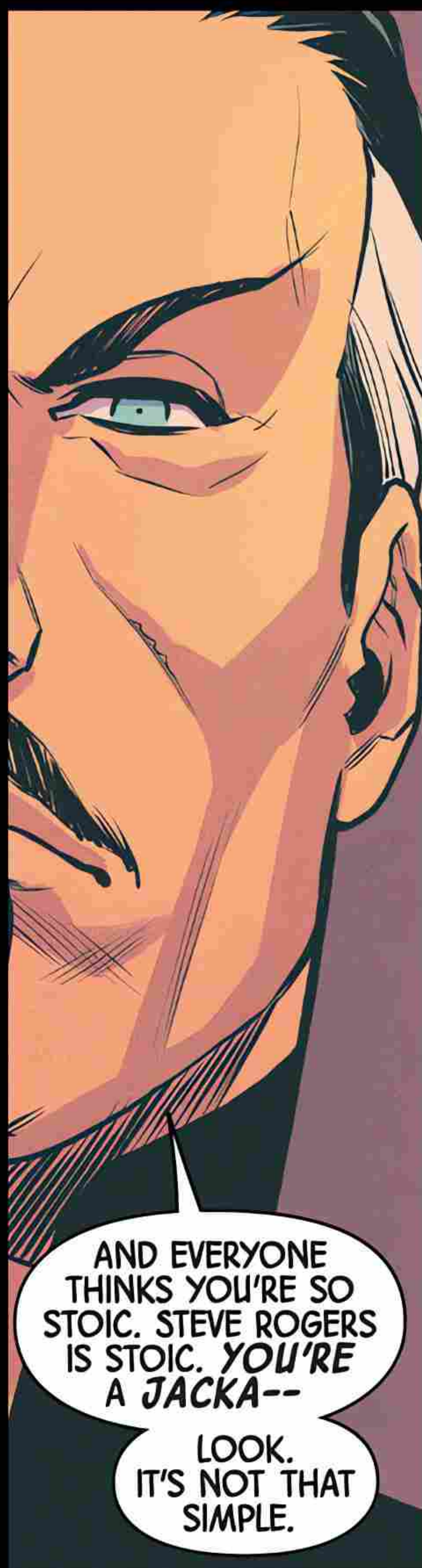
I'LL BREAK **EVERYTHING** IN THIS ROOM.

AND I'LL PUT THEM BACK TOGETHER UNTIL YOU CALM DOWN.



DON'T THINK YOU GET IT. I SAID **EVERYTHING**--

--AND YOU'RE IN THIS ROOM TOO, STEPHEN.



AND EVERYONE THINKS YOU'RE SO STOIC. STEVE ROGERS IS STOIC. **YOU'RE A JACKA--**

LOOK. IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

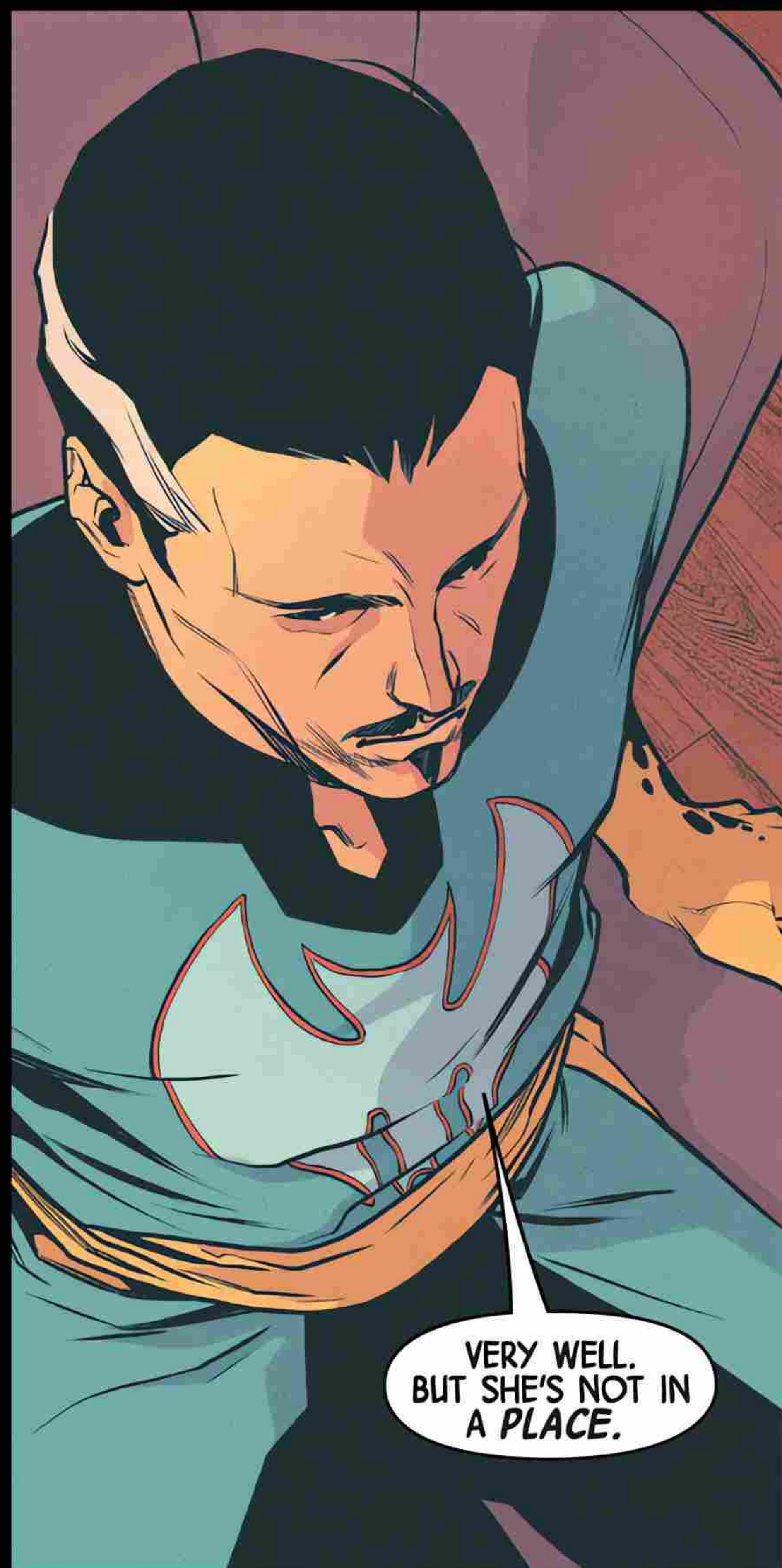


I HAVE A **SENSE** OF WHERE THE ADANA IS. SHE CAN MOVE BETWEEN REALMS. WHERE SHE IS NOW...IS NOT HELL--

--BUT IT WILL TREAT YOU THE SAME.

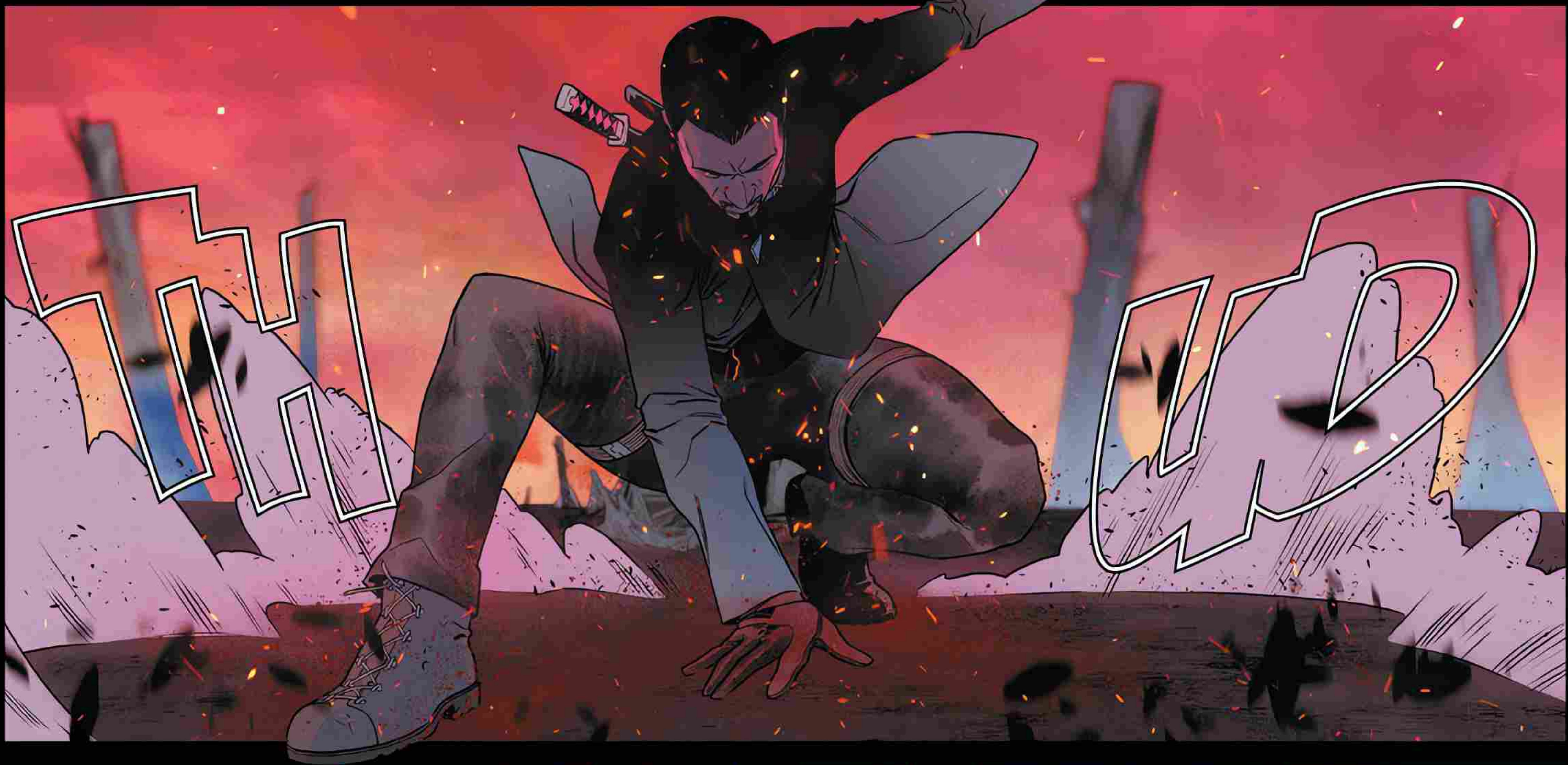
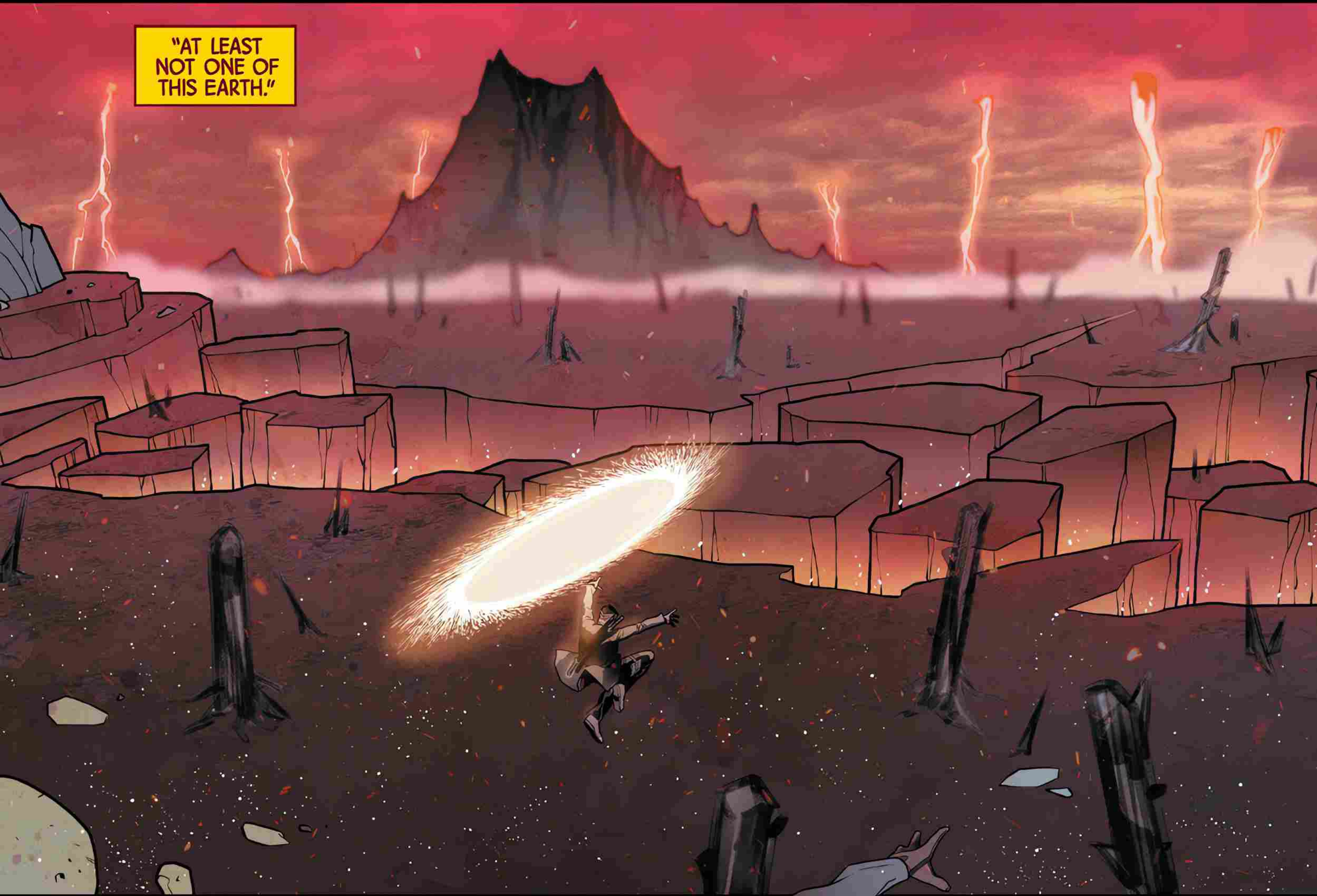
MEMENTO MORI.

STOIC ENOUGH FOR YOU? WHEREVER SHE IS, PUT ME IN THAT PLACE. I'LL DO THE REST.



VERY WELL. BUT SHE'S NOT IN A **PLACE**.

"AT LEAST
NOT ONE OF
THIS EARTH."





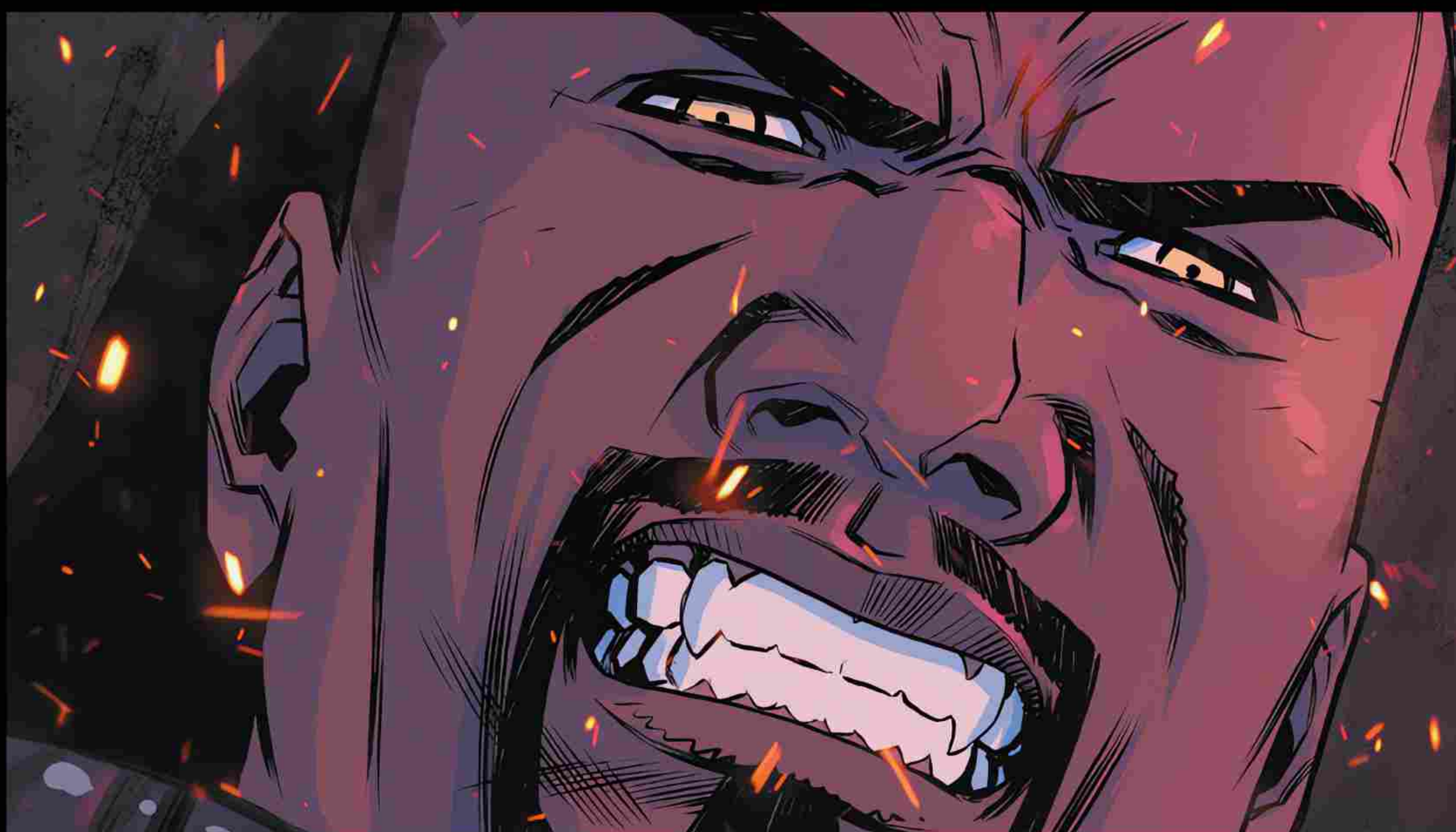
STRANGE IS
WRONG. THERE
ARE *MANY* HELLS.
THIS IS MINE.

I'M GETTING
STRONGER BY
THE DAY.

SO I MADE
THIS LITTLE DIMENSION
JUST TO WAIT FOR YOU.
A VULGAR DISPLAY OF
POWER, I KNOW.

BUT YOU
DESERVE TO
SEE ME AT MY
BEST.







I HAVE NO
ISSUE WITH YOU.
BECAUSE YOU ARE
ANOTHER THING
I AM HERE TO
SAVE.



SO YOU CAN
GO BACK TO YOUR
WORLD. YOU WILL NOT
SEE ME AGAIN.

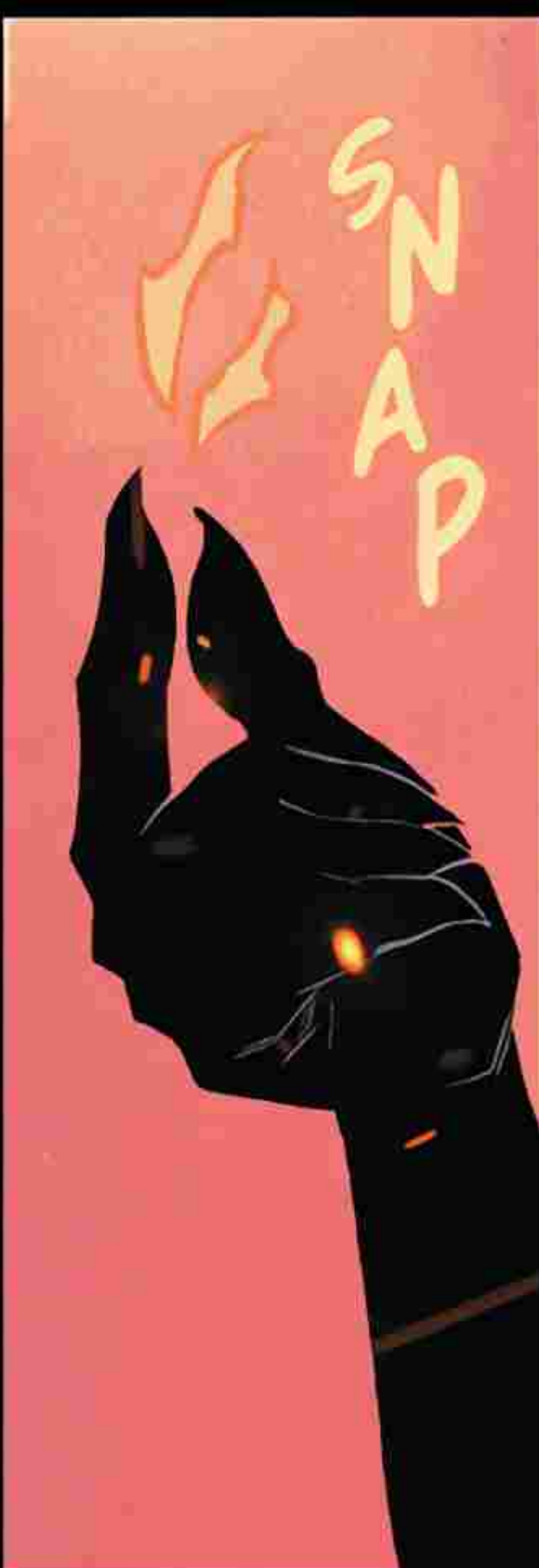
OUR BUSINESS
IS DONE. THIS IS
GOODBYE.



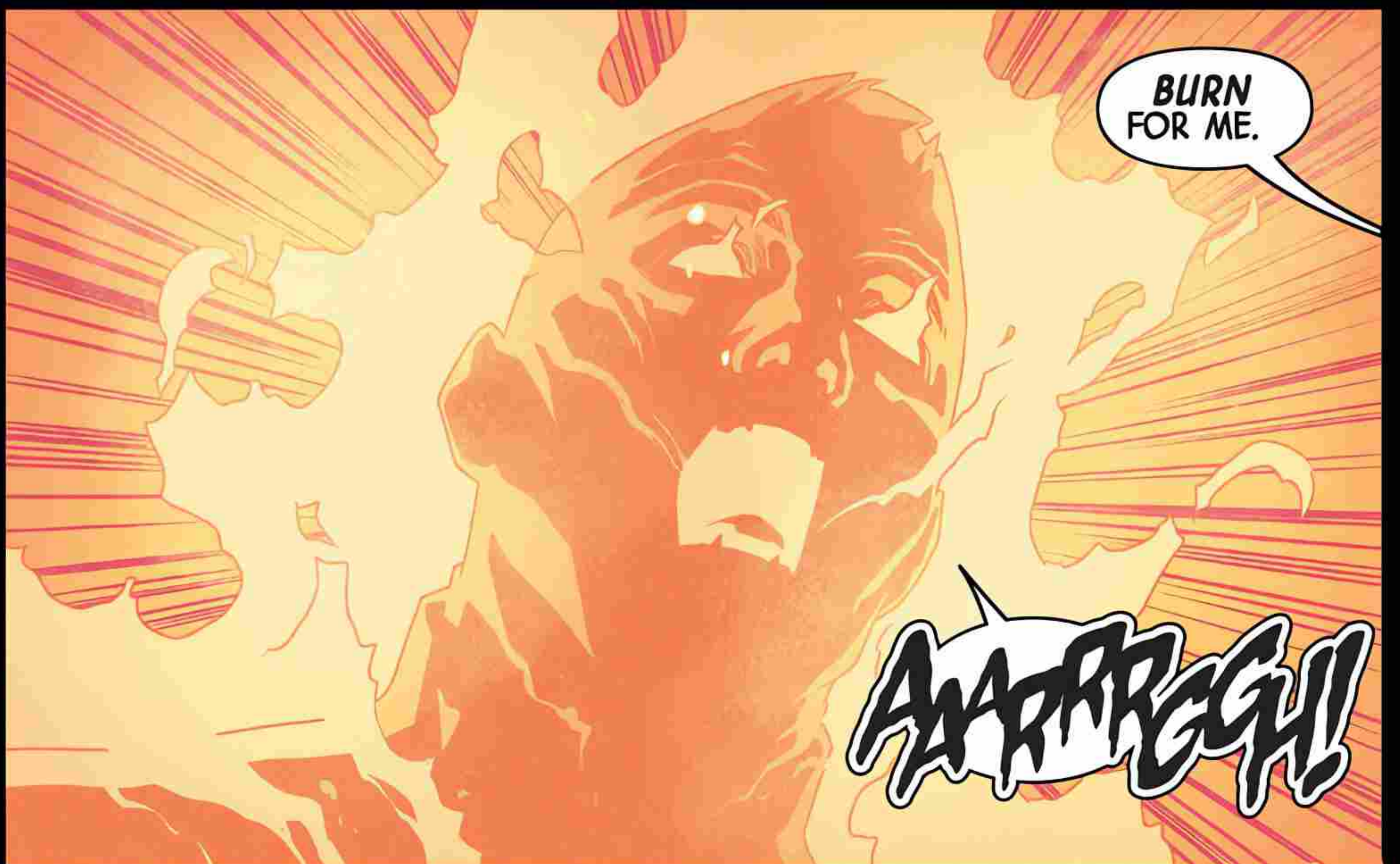
BUT YOU
WILL COME
TO KNOW MY
WORKS.



RETURN,
ERIC.



SNAP



BURN
FOR ME.

AAARRGGH!!



I CAN
COME WITH
YOU.

NOT THIS
TIME, KID.



YOU...
YOU STILL
LOOK BAD.



I'LL
HEAL.

STAY
WITH TULIP.
SHE NEEDS
YOU.

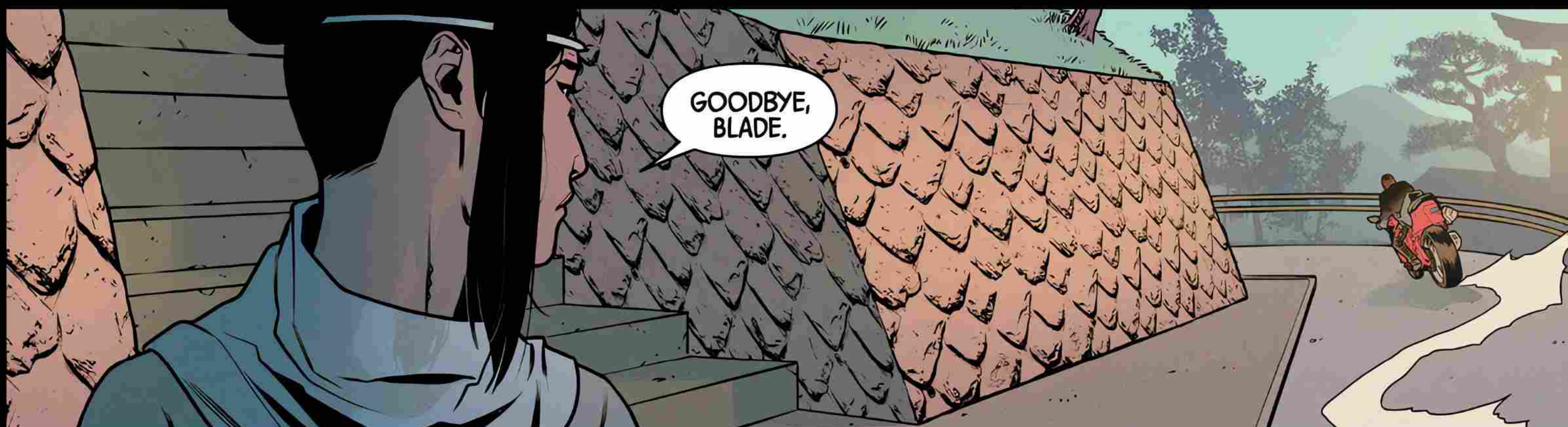


MY PEOPLE...
THEY WILL HUNT
YOU.



IF YOU
CARE ABOUT
THEM, YOU SHOULD
TRY TO CHANGE
THEIR MINDS.

I'LL
SEE YOU
LATER.



GOODBYE,
BLADE.



I'M
HERE WITHOUT
PRIDE.

I'M HERE
BECAUSE I'VE BEEN
MAKING THIS TOO
EASY.

FOR
TOO LONG.



YOU SEE
WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN THE WORLD. I
KNOW YOU FEEL
WHAT THE ADANA
DID.

WHAT I
HELPED HER
DO. HOW I
FAILED.



I NEED TO
DO WHAT I'VE
BEEN AFRAID OF
DOING MY
WHOLE LIFE.

I KNOW
YOU CAN HELP
ME.



SOMETIMES, I THINK YOU LET
ME WIN. BECAUSE THERE ARE
THINGS YOU'RE AFRAID OF DOING
TOO. POWER EVEN **YOU** ARE
AFRAID TO TAKE.

I'M
NOT AFRAID
ANYMORE.



SHOW ME
EVERYTHING YOU
KNOW ABOUT WHAT
I AM. **ALL** OF IT.
NO RULES.

TEACH
ME.

WHY
SHOULD
I?

BECAUSE
THIS IS A
WAR.



AND YOU'RE
DRACULA. SON
OF THE DRAGON.
VLAD TEPEŠ.
**THE BLOOD
WOLF.**

AND YOU
KNOW HOW TO
WIN A WAR.

NEXT:

THE TOMES

OF

DRACULA

NEXT

AFTER SUFFERING A DEVASTATING DEFEAT, BLADE MUST TURN TO THE ONLY MASTER WHO CAN TEACH HIM HOW TO FULLY HARNESS HIS POWERS...ONCE HIS SWORN ENEMY, NOW HIS TENUOUS ALLY: DRACULA.

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